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**PATENT APPLICATION****APPLICANT(S):** Tetsuo Shibuya**ASSIGNEE NAME:** International Business Machines Corporation**ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE:** Armonk, New York**TITLE:** Nucleotide Sequence Screening**"Express Mail" Label No.** EL998953555US

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Application - 32 pages of Specification, 8 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract  
 18 Sheets of informal drawing(s)  
 Declaration (unexecuted)  
 A Certified Copy of Foreign Application for which priority is claimed (Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-50916, filed February 27, 2003)  
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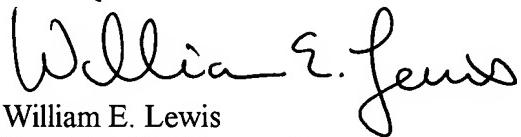
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